Talk about actions that started in the past and are relevant now.

2.6 GRAMMAR

1 Choose the correct alternative: A or B.

1 I've ___ to give up my Saturday job – I don't enjoy it.
A been deciding B decided

2 She's really hot because she's ___ tennis all afternoon.
A been playing B played

3 Sorry I'm late – have you ___ long?
A been waiting B waited



4 I can't put this novel down – I've ___ it all day!
A been reading B read

5 'How long have you ___ the piano?' 'About three years.'
A been learning B learned

6 I feel bad – I haven't ___ with Lena since she moved away.
A been keeping in touch B kept in touch

2 Tick (✓) the sentences that are correct and correct the ones that are wrong.

1 Pablo has missed the bus, so he'll be late for football training. ☐
2 I've tried to call Megan all afternoon, but there is no reply. ☐
3 They're really tired because they've been working hard all day. ☐
4 I've seen that film already, but I don't mind going to see it again. ☐
5 Lucy met Eva on their first day at school, so she's been knowing her for ten years. ☐
6 Something smells good – have you cooked? ☐
7 Leyla hasn't had her new phone long, and she's still getting used to it. ☐
8 Where is Jan? I haven't been seeing him all day. ☐

3 Complete the dialogues with the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1 A Has Liam been in touch with you?
B No, and I _____ (try) to contact him all afternoon.
A I hope he remembers to come to band practice tonight.
B I _____ (remind) him three times this week already.

2 A Did you decide on the subject of your project?
B Yes, and I _____ (write) it all week.
A And have you finished it?
B Yes, but I _____ (not send) it to my teacher yet.

3 A Are you enjoying the film?
B To be honest, I _____ (not watch) it.
A Why not?
B Because I _____ (see) it before. I realised that after two minutes.

4 Write complete sentences using the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous.

I / come / to this gym / for over a year.
I've been coming to this gym for over a year.

1 I / catch up / with my friends online / all evening.
_____

2 How long / you / know / Sami and Milo?
_____

3 My dad / not see / any of the *Star Wars* movies.
_____

4 Where have you been? I / try / to call you / for ages.
_____

5 I / not be / in touch with Leila / since the weekend.
_____

6 I / meet / her brother. / He's really nice.
_____

5 Complete the blog post with the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous form of the verbs below.

already take be (×2) explore get go training join just move look for not do not keep not make pass rain spend try



6 Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Write two sentences in the present perfect simple and two sentences in the present perfect continuous.

1 In the past year I have _____
2 Recently I have _____
3 Since I started school I have _____
4 I have just _____

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